In the Specification:

Please replace the current Abstract with the following replacement paragraph:

A ~~CORBA Gateway~~ gateway between ~~CORBA-based~~ client manager applications and an enterprise manager may be <u>provided</u> ~~configurable~~ to manage various networked objects ~~which may be interconnected via networks~~. <u>In one embodiment,</u> CORBA-based TMN manager applications may be communicatively coupled to a CORBA Object Request Broker (ORB)~~. The manager applications~~ <u>and</u> may be operable to send Interface Definition Language (IDL) requests to<u>,</u> ~~managed objects~~ and receive IDL responses and CORBA events from<u>,</u> managed objects through the CORBA ORB. The client manager may first be authenticated to the ~~Gateway~~ <u>gateway</u> by username and password, or other validation information associated with the client manager, which may be represented in a user profile. Once the initial client authentication is accomplished, the ~~Gateway~~ <u>gateway</u> may provide object-level access control between manager applications and managed objects[[,]] <u>at an individual object level so that one of the managers is granted access to one of the managed objects while being prevented from interfacing with a different one of the managed objects.</u> ~~authenticating the client for each event type at the individual object level.~~

In the Title:

Please replace the current title with the following replacement title:

Secure Access to Managed Network Objects using a Configurable Platform-Independent Gateway <u>Providing Individual Object-Level Access Control</u>